

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action provisionally rejected claims 1-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-62 of copending Application No. 10/767,838 ("the '838 application"). In response thereto, enclosed please find a terminal disclaimer that disclaims the term of any patent that issues from the present application that extends beyond the term of any patent that may issue from the '838 application. In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimers, applicant requests that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

No other objections or rejections were set forth in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-45 as currently pending. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the claims that could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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